

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 are amended, claim 11 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and new claim 12-14 are added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Tanabe (U.S. Patent No. 5,871,088); and rejects claims 5, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tanabe in view of Eida (U.S. Patent No. 5,909,081). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, neither Tanabe nor Eida, individually or in combination, discloses or suggests a display means formed in the case, the display means being overlapped with the luminescent panel, as recited in independent claim 1.

Tanabe discloses at Figure 2 and at column 2, lines 43-48 an EL sheet that includes a transparent electrode layer 4 formed in a surface of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film 3, which is sequentially laminated by a light emitting layer 5, dielectric layer 6, rear electro-layer 7 and insulating layer 8. However, nowhere does Tanabe disclose or suggest the display means is formed in the case, the display means being overlapped with the luminescent panel.

Eida does not make up for the above noted deficiencies of Tanabe. Eida discloses at column 21, line 60-63 that inert gas such as nitrogen, argon or the like are sealed into a gap provided between the transparent inorganic oxide substrate and the organic EL device. Eida does not disclose or suggest the display means is formed in the case, the display means being overlapped with the luminescent panel.

Therefore, independent claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12-14 depend from claim 1, and therefore also define patentable subject matter as well as for the other features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12-14 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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